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LICENCE

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation relating to Trading with the Enemy, issued by His Majesty the King in Council on the ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* of the twelfth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, it is amongst other things declared that nothing in that Proclamation shall be taken to prohibit anything which shall be expressly permitted by licence given by His Majesty or by the licence given on behalf of His Majesty by a Secretary of State or the Board of Trade whether such licences be especially granted to individuals or be announced as applying to classes of persons:

And whereas by a further Proclamation issued by His Majesty the King in Council on the eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the twelfth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, it is amongst other things provided that the power to grant licences on behalf of His Majesty vested by the first-recited Proclamation in a Secretary of State may be exercised in Australia by the Governor-General:

And whereas the Union Bank of Australia Limited has in its possession holding orders in the name of the said Bank for certain concentrates the property of Aron Hirsch & Sohn which are stored on certain wharfs in South Australia which orders are held by the said bank as security for an overdraft on an account called the F. H. Snow Ore Account:

And whereas the said bank has issued a writ against the said Francis Hugh Snow in respect of the overdraft on the said account and accruing interest thereon:

Now therefore, I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby permit the Union Bank of Australia Limited and Francis Hugh Snow and each of them to communicate with the agents and attorneys in New York, United

States of America, of Aron Hirsch & Sohn, of Halberstadt, Germany and to procure them to pay or secure or otherwise agree with the bank in respect of the moneys claimed by the bank from the said Francis Hugh Snow:

And I declare that it is a condition of this licence that before any arrangement is made by the said bank and/or the said Francis Hugh Snow with any person in relation to the said concentrates the full details of the proposed arrangement shall be submitted to and approved by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth:

And I further declare that the issue of this licence is not to be construed as authorizing the shipment of the said concentrates from Australia, or as giving any person any claim to receive permission to ship the said concentrates from Australia, either during the continuance of the war or at any time after its termination.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Melbourne, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

FRANK G. TUDOR,
Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

ORDER.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the *War Precautions Act 1914-1915* it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, make provision for any matters which appear necessary or expedient with a view to the public safety and the defence of the Commonwealth, and in particular for requiring any person to disclose any information in his possession as to any matter specified in the Order, and for appointing officers to carry the Order into effect, and for conferring on such officers and on the Minister such powers as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Order, and for conferring on such persons

as are specified in the Order such powers with respect to the administration of oaths, arrest, detention, search of premises and persons, inspecting, impounding, or retention of books, documents, and papers, and otherwise, as are specified in the Order:

And whereas it appears expedient to make provision for the undermentioned matters in the manner herein-after appearing:

Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby provide as follows:—

1. This Order shall apply to an inquiry with respect to the prices charged to the Department of Defence by contractors and others for medical stores.
2. I appoint Colonel James Byres Laing, an officer of the Commonwealth Audit Office, to be the authorized officer for the purpose of this Order, and I require him to furnish to the Minister of State for Defence a report on the inquiry.
3. I confer on the authorized officer the power—
 - (a) to hold an inquiry at such time and place as he deems desirable in relation to the subject of the inquiry;
 - (b) to require the attendance at the inquiry of persons as witnesses;
 - (c) to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation, and to reduce to writing any answers made by a witness;
 - (d) to require of any person the production of any documents, books, or papers relating to the inquiry; and
 - (e) to examine all documents produced to him as official documents, and if he sees fit, to admit them in evidence without requiring formal proof of their authenticity.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
(L.S.) G. F. PEARCE,
Minister of State for Defence.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the *Quarantine Act 1908-1915* it is enacted that the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, prohibit the importation into Australia of any animals or plants, or any parts of animals or plants, and that the power of prohibition shall extend to authorize prohibition generally, or with limitations as to place and subject-matter, and either absolutely or subject to any specified conditions or restriction:

And whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of 26th June, 1915, the importation into Australia of Citrus plants (except Citrus fruits) was prohibited:

And whereas it is desirable to modify the said Proclamation:

Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby repeal the said Proclamation, and I do hereby prohibit the importation into Australia of Citrus plants from any part of the world; provided that Citrus fruits may be imported from any country in which the disease Citrus Canker or Japanese Canker does not exist:

The term "Citrus" as used herein shall be understood to include all plants belonging to the sub-family or tribe Citrateæ:

This Proclamation may be cited as Quarantine Proclamation No. 2.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth this 16th day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
(L.S.) FRANK G. TUDOR,
Minister of State for Trade and Customs.
GOD SAVE THE KING!

Department of Defence,
Ex. Min. No. 161. Melbourne, 17th February, 1916.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AREA OFFICERS.—APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following changes, &c., in connection with the Australian Military Forces, viz.:—

1ST MILITARY DISTRICT.

Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant T. O'SHEA, Reserve of Officers (Imperial), to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 9A, Brisbane (Southern Suburbs), during the absence of Captain H. A. BENJAMIN on other duty, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant on the Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, whilst holding such appointment. Dated 1st January, 1916.

The appointment of Lieutenant (provisional) R. R. READ as Acting Area Officer, Training Area 12A, Lismore, is terminated. Dated 31st December, 1915.

Lieutenant R. M. WARBY, Reserve of Officers, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 12A, Lismore, during the absence of Lieutenant G. P. DONOVAN, seconded for service with the Australian Imperial Force, and is transferred to the Unattached List whilst holding such appointment. Dated 1st January, 1916.

The appointment of Lieutenant T. O'SHEA as Area Officer (temporarily) of Training Area 12C, Grafton, is terminated. Dated 31st December, 1915.

2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

Company Sergeant-Major WALTER HENRY WILLIAM SPARKES, 14th (Hunter River) Infantry, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 14A, Singleton, during the absence of Captain H. H. WADDELL on other duty, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant on the Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, whilst holding such appointment. Dated 1st February, 1916.

Captain D. McDONALD, Reserve of Officers, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 41A, Lithgow, during the absence of Captain W. W. LENNOX on other duty, and is transferred to the Unattached List whilst holding such appointment. Dated 2nd February, 1916.

3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Lieutenant A. E. BUNBURY, 48th (Kooyong) Infantry, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 47B, Malvern, from 1st to 19th July, 1915, and is seconded from the 48th (Kooyong) Infantry during such period.

With reference to Order in Council, No. 673, of 1915, promulgated in *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 95, of 21st August, 1915, the date of appointment of Lieutenant W. C. MOLONEY to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 49A, South Yarra, is amended to read "12th July, 1915."

Major J. S. KITSON, Senior Cadets, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 64B, East Melbourne, from 24th October, 1915, to 15th February, 1916, and is granted the temporary rank of Captain on the Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, and is seconded from the Senior Cadets during such period.

Captain L. H. FAIRNIE, Senior Cadets, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 64B, East Melbourne, during the absence of Captain H. B. WALTERS, seconded for service with the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force.

Captain L. H. FAIRNIE is granted the temporary rank of Captain on the Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, and seconded from the Senior Cadets whilst holding the appointment of Acting Area Officer. Dated 16th February, 1916.

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

LEON EDWARD COLLEY to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 74A, Unley, during the absence of Captain M. F. BEEVOR, seconded for service with the Australian Imperial Force, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant on the Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, whilst holding such appointment. Dated 3rd February, 1916.

The appointment of Lieutenant J. H. ALLEN as Acting Area Officer, Training Area 75A, Goodwood, is terminated. Dated 22nd January, 1916.

78th Infantry (Adelaide Rifles).—

Lieutenant J. H. ALLEN is brought on the authorized establishment. Dated 23rd January, 1916.

Lieutenant (provisional) H. R. RANKIN, 76th (Hindmarsh) Infantry, to be Acting Area Officer, Training Area 76A, Hindmarsh, during the absence of Lieutenant H. E. ROWELL, seconded for other duty.

Lieutenant (provisional) H. R. RANKIN is seconded from the 76th (Hindmarsh) Infantry whilst holding the appointment of Acting Area Officer. Dated 21st January, 1916.

ALBERT GARDINER,
Acting Minister of State for Defence.